

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

JIMMY QUINTIN GREEN,

Petitioner,

Criminal No. 03-80016

Civil No. 06-10488

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Hon. John Corbett O'Meara

Respondent.

**ORDER DENYING CERTIFICATE OF APPEALABILITY
AND IN FORMA PAUPERIS STATUS**

On September 19, 2006, Petitioner filed a notice of appeal of the court's August 8, 2006 opinion and order denying his request for relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255. Petitioner also filed a petition for issuance of a certificate of appealability.

In a habeas corpus proceeding in which the detention complained of arises from process issued by a state court, or in a 28 U.S.C. § 2255 proceeding, the applicant cannot take an appeal unless a circuit justice or a circuit or district judge issues a certificate of appealability under 28 U.S.C. 2253(c). If an applicant files a notice of appeal, the district judge who rendered the judgment must either issue a certificate of appealability or state why a certificate should not issue.

Fed. R. App. P. 22(b). The court may issue a certificate of appealability if the petitioner has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2).

[T]he petitioner need not show that he should prevail on the merits. He has already failed in that endeavor. Rather, he must demonstrate that the issues are debatable among jurists of reason; that the court could resolve the issues [in a different manner] or that the questions are "adequate to deserve encouragement to proceed further."

Barefoot v. Estelle, 463 U.S. 880, 893 n.4 (1983); Hence v. Smith, 49 F. Supp. 2d 547, 549 (E.D. Mich. 1999).

The court finds that Petitioner has not made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right. The issues raised in the petition are not debatable among jurists of reason, such that they could be resolved differently, and they are not “adequate to deserve encouragement to proceed further.” Id. Accordingly, the request for a certificate of appealability is DENIED.

Although Petitioner has not requested to proceed without prepayment of fees, he has not paid the filing fee for his appeal. Therefore, the court will consider whether to grant Petitioner *in forma pauperis* status. A court may grant *in forma pauperis* status if the court finds that an appeal is being taken in good faith. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3); Fed. R. App. P. 24 (a); Foster v. Ludwick, 208 F. Supp. 2d 750, 765 (E.D. Mich. 2002). Good faith requires a showing that the issues raised are not frivolous. Id. In the present case, the court will deny petitioner leave to appeal *in forma pauperis*, because the appeal would be frivolous. See Allen v. Stovall, 156 F. Supp. 2d 791, 798 (E.D. Mich. 2001).

SO ORDERED.

s/John Corbett O'Meara
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: October 4, 2006

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served upon the parties of record on this date, October 4, 2006, by electronic and/or ordinary mail.

s/William Barkholz
Case Manager